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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, the period of response to which extends through October 16, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are respectfully requested.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 6 and 10-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable U.S. Patent No. 5,933,508 to Fuke et al. (hereinafter "Fuke") in view of newly-applied U.S. Patent No. 5,903,658 to Okazaki et al. (hereinafter "Okazaki"). Claims 7-9, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuke in view of Okazaki and the previously-applied U.S. Patent No. 4,351,411 to Inoue (hereinafter "Inoue"). After